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Mailbox

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**PETITION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 THAT EXTRAORDINARY CIRCUMSTANCES  
LED TO AN INCORRECT FILING DATE BECAUSE THE USPS REFUSED TO  
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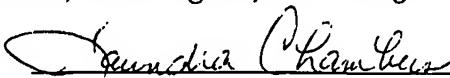
Enclosed is an Affidavit in compliance with the U.S.P.T.O.'s ruling regarding the interruption in the Express Mail service of the USPS as a postal service interruption within the meaning of 35 U.S.C. 21(a) and 37 C.F.R. 1.6(e) for the above-named case. The enclosed Affidavit indicates the date on which the person attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS and that the USPS refused to accept the correspondence. The Affidavit also is signed in accordance with 37 CFR 10.18 and is being mailed as set out in 37 CFR 1.1(a).

Applicants file this petition under 37 C.F.R. § 1.183 and respectfully request:

- (a) that the requirements under 37 C.F.R. § 1.10 be waived;
- (b) that this patent application be accorded a filing date of the date (December 21, 2001) which Affiant attempted to deposit the correspondence with the USPS by Express Mail; and
- (c) that no petition fee be required.

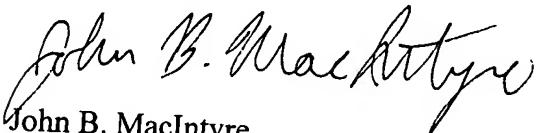
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Respectfully,



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Dated: March 15, 2002

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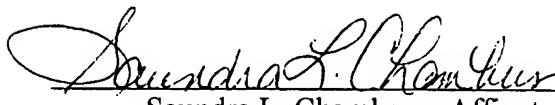
Affidavit



I, Saundra L. Chambers, affiant, first being duly sworn, certify and state that the statement made herein is true, that all statements are made on information and belief and are believed to be true; and, all statements made herein are made with the knowledge that making any false or fraudulent statement or representations shall be subject to the penalties set forth under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such violation of this paragraph may jeopardize the validity of the application; and, that to the best of my knowledge, information and belief do hereby state the following:

1. I am a legal secretary for Corporate Counsel John B. MacIntyre and employed by Lucent Technologies Inc. in the Intellectual Property Law Department.
2. On December 21, 2001, in the course and scope of my employment, I took an Express Mail package, number EK505508601US to the Batavia, Illinois U. S. Post Office addressed to the U. S.P.T.O. containing a Patent Application.
3. The postal clerk at the Batavia, Illinois postal facility refused to accept the Express Mail package stating that the Express Mail Service to the zip code of 20231 had been suspended.
4. The postal clerk then told me that the only delivery method available was Priority Mail.
5. I then mailed the Patent Application package to the U.S.P.T.O. by Priority Mail.
6. On February 12, 2002 the U.S.P.T.O. mailed to Lucent Technologies Inc. a Filing Receipt showing the filing date of the patent application as 01/10/2002.
7. This Affidavit is not being presented for any improper purpose.

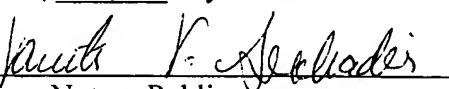
This the 15th day of March 2002.



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Saundra L. Chambers, Affiant

Sworn to and subscribed before me

this the, 15<sup>th</sup> day of March 2002.



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